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For: System for Cleaning Pressurized

Containers

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

35. (Amended) A system for cleaning pressurized containers containing chemicals comprising:

a container having a quantity of chemicals therein wherein the container has a plurality of valves for attaching a plurality of pipes thereto;

an intake means for blowing air into the container via a first pipe;

a tank comprising a neutralizing material connected to the container via a second pipe; and

a vacuum pump disposed between the container and the tank for pumping the chemicals from the container to the tank,

wherein a third pipe extends from the container to the vacuum pump and further wherein a fourth pipe extends from the vacuum pump to the tank comprising the neutralizing material.